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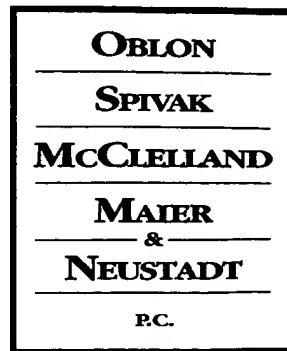
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For: METHOD OF PREVENTING BROWNING
OR DARKENING OF FISH AND METHOD OF
TREATING BROWNE OR DARKENED FISH

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin



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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Marked-Up Copy (11 pp.)

Abstract of the Disclosure

Cited References (5)

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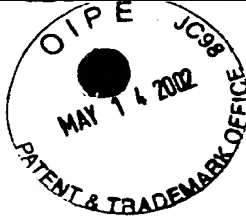
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

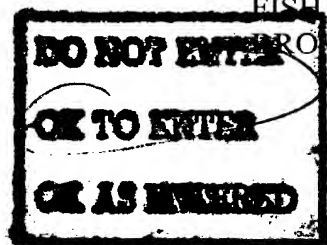
IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please delete the original Abstract of the Disclosure at page 27 in its entirety and
insert the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows.

--7. (Amended) A method of treating a whole fish, wherein the whole fish is
immersed in a solution of from 0.1 to 6.0% salt water at a temperature no greater than 10°C



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